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SUBJECT: CHANGES IN FOREIGN MILITARY TRAINING PROGRAM

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1. THE ENVISAGED 100 PERCENT PRICE INCREASE SHOULD HAVE LITTLE IF ANY EARLY ADVERSE EFFECT UPON THE MAP TRAINING PROGRAM FOR THE SPANISH SERVICES SINCE IT WAS ANTICIPATED AND PROVIDED FOR IN SUPPLEMENTARY AGREEMENT 7 OF THE NEW TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP & COOPERATION (10 MILLION IN 5 YEARLY TRANCHES OF 2 MILLION VICE \$4.9 MILLION TOTAL UNDER THE 1970 AGREEMENT). THIS INCREASE WAS SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED TO ASSURE AT LEAST THE SAME LEVEL OF TRAINING OVER THE LIFE OF THE NEW AGREEMENT. THUS, ONLY WERE THE PRICE INFLATION TO BE SO GREAT AS TO MAKE THIS IMPOSSIBLE, WOULD WE ANTICIPATE THE SPANISH CLAIMING A FAILURE ON OUR SIDE TO LIVE UP TO THE INTENT OF THE NEW AGREEMENT.

2. THE COURSES OF GREATNESS INTEREST TO SPANISH SERVICES--AND OF GREATEST BENEFIT TO U.S. INTEREST AS WELL ARE THOSE TECHNICAL COURSES RELATED TO IN INCORPORATION OF NEW EQUIPMENT INTO THE SPANISH INVENTORY. ALL THESE NOW FINANCED UNDER GRANT AID. IF TRAINING WERE REQUIRED IN EXCESS OF THE FUNDING PROVIDED WHICH WE DO NOT EXPECT-IT WOULD EITHER BE PURCHASED THRU FMS OR DEFERRED. COURSES THAT WOULD BE PRIOR CANDIDATES FOR ABANDONMENT WOULD BE THOSE RELATED TO PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT,
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AS WELL AS ORIENTATION TOURS.

3. SINCE MOST TRAINING IS RELATED TO USE OF US ORIGIN EQUIPMENT
IT WOULD NOT BE READILY OBTAINABLE ELSEWHERE. BY THE SAME TOKEN
THE ELIMINATION OF SUCH U.S. TRAINING WOULD HAVE TO HAVE A SERIOUS
ADVERSE
IMPACT ON THE SPANISH MILITARY'S ORIENTATION TOWARD U.S. EQUIPMENT
AND, MORE GENERALLY, TOWARD CLOSE COOPERATION WITH U.S. FORCES.
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